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### **Lesson 16 Vocabulary Words**

Directions: Write a sentence for each word.

1. caustic
2. deleterious
3. despoil
4. effectual
5. obviate
6. pinnacle
7. raze
8. stultify
9. surmount
10. wrest

**WRITE THE CORRECT WORD**

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| _____ 1. harmful                | _____ 6. to negate           |
| _____ 2. the peak               | _____ 7. to obtain by force  |
| _____ 3. to make unnecessary    | _____ 8. effective; adequate |
| _____ 4. to overcome            | _____ 9. corrosive           |
| _____ 5. to level to the ground | _____ 10. to plunder         |

**COMPLETE THE SENTENCE**

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Sydney devised an unconventional yet \_\_\_\_\_ method for solving the problem.  
a. effectual                      b. obviated                      c. caustic                      d. deleterious
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In the last seconds of the game, our team managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the championship from our rivals.  
a. stultify                      b. wrest                      c. surmount                      d. obviate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. After the powerful tsunami in Southeast Asia, images of \_\_\_\_\_ buildings and hotels appeared in newspapers all over the world.  
a. deleterious                      b. caustic                      c. razed                      d. obviated
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Corrective surgery performed during infancy can \_\_\_\_\_ the need for more serious procedures later in life.  
a. surmount                      b. raze                      c. despoil                      d. obviate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. For centuries, infamous pirates \_\_\_\_\_ ships on the high seas.  
a. effected                      b. obviated                      c. stultified                      d. despoiled
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The director tried to make suggestions without \_\_\_\_\_ the actors' spontaneity.  
a. stultifying                      b. wresting                      c. surmounting                      d. despoiling
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The \_\_\_\_\_ acid ate right through the metal wires.  
a. obviated                      b. wrested                      c. caustic                      d. effectual
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Winning the award was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the writer's career.  
a. stultification                      b. obviation                      c. pinnacle                      d. despoliation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ the obstacles of poverty and a lack of education, the woman became a successful entrepreneur.  
a. Wrestling                      b. Despoiling                      c. Surmounting                      d. Obviating
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Secondhand smoke is \_\_\_\_\_ to one's health.  
a. despoiling                      b. deleterious                      c. effectual                      d. razing

**Challenge:** The army was sent in to \_\_\_\_\_ control from the lawless forces who had \_\_\_\_\_ homes and shops after the dictator was expelled.  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. wrest...despoiled                      b. surmount...wrested                      c. raze...surmounted

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Enid's excellent and creative suggestion has \_\_\_\_\_ resolved our dilemma.  
(*effectual*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ even a small harvest from the rocky soil was a challenging task for the  
settlers. (*wrest*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Some say that memorizing is a good way to learn, while others maintain that it  
leads to the \_\_\_\_\_ of creativity. (*stultify*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The obstacles to peace are \_\_\_\_\_ if we direct our efforts to reaching a  
compromise. (*surmount*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Listening to loud music for extended periods of time is known to affect one's  
hearing \_\_\_\_\_. (*deleterious*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Substances known for their \_\_\_\_\_ should not be handled without special  
gloves. (*caustic*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Fatima decided to use the new computer program to analyze her data, \_\_\_\_\_  
her original plan to hire a statistician. (*obviate*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Army leaders wanted, at all cost, to avoid any \_\_\_\_\_ of the area by renegade  
soldiers. (*despoil*)

## FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The thing most likely to have a *deleterious* effect on your health  
a. natural flavors      b. organic produce      c. varied diet      d. artificial additives
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A *caustic* remark  
a. Excuse me, please.      b. Is that true?      c. That's just stupid.      d. I disagree.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A word that describes a child who *wrests* a toy away from another  
a. kind      b. shy      c. possessive      d. sleepy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Something *surmounted*  
a. advantages      b. perks      c. friends      d. difficulties
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A reason why a home would be *razed*  
a. chipped paint      b. unsound structure      c. clogged pipe      d. angry tenant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The most likely *pinnacle* of a successful musician's career  
a. humming a tune      b. making a painting      c. winning a Grammy      d. winning a talent show
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Something that would *despoil* a shopping mall  
a. earthquake      b. renovation      c. rain      d. restaurants
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Something most likely to *obviate* a tough financial decision  
a. buying a house      b. taking a class      c. working late      d. receiving an inheritance
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. An *effectual* way to prevent the spread of many diseases  
a. pain relievers      b. vaccinations      c. traveling      d. increasing stress levels
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Something that would be most likely to *stultify* motivation  
a. disapproval      b. praise      c. award      d. opportunity

